

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present Amendment, claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 15-26 are withdrawn herein as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications directed towards any canceled or withdrawn subject matter. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 12 are amended herein to provide a clearer description of the invention. No new matter has been added.

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants have elected Group I, claims 1-14 and 27-29, drawn to a method of increasing cardiac contractile function in a subject comprising altering the expression of sorcin in the heart via the delivery of a nucleic acid encoding sorcin.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Response. If any fee is deemed necessary with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing the above-identified Attorney Docket Number.

Respectfully submitted,

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